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### SECTION 1. GENERAL

1. Owing to the time necessary for the production of a new drill book, this Pamphlet is being issued so that infantry units should have sufficient instructions on the new drill to perform it immediately.

Attention is again drawn to the importance of good drill, with special reference to Infantry Training, 1937, Section 19.

The succeeding paragraphs should be read in conjunction with the various Manuals where applicable. Common sense will be used to apply the principles to suit varying local conditions.

### SECTION 2. SQUAD DRILL

1. *Three ranks.*—Squad drill will in future be carried out in three ranks from the commencement of a recruit's training unless numbers are insufficient when two ranks will be formed.

2. *Distance and Interval.*—Distance between ranks will be 30 inches; intervals between men will be obtained by dressing with intervals.

3. *Dressing.*—Dressing will be carried out as in the Manual of Elementary Drill, 1935, Sec. 8, except that the hand will be clenched with the knuckles touching the shoulder of the man on the right (or left).

When dressing with the rifle at the order, the left arm will be extended.

4. *Taking open and close order.*—On the command "Open—order—March," the front rank will take two paces forward, and the rear rank two paces back. On the command "Close—order—March," the action of the front and rear ranks is reversed.

When dressing is carried out by word of command (as in Ceremonial), the whole squad, etc., will be dressed on completion of opening order.

5. *Elementary instruction.*—Elementary instruction in squad drill will be carried out in open order; opening and closing ranks is abolished.

When saluting instruction is carried out, the squad will be turned to a flank.

6. *Guides and blank files.*—When squads, etc., are turned about, guides and blank files will take two paces forward at the halt, or mark time two paces if on the move.

During squad drill in open order, blank files and guides will not alter their positions unless ranks are changed.

7. *Files.*—The meaning of file in three ranks is the same as for two ranks, except that the blank file will be the second and not the third file from the left. If there are only two men in a file, the centre rank will be left blank.

8. *Marching in line and changing direction.*—When squads, etc., change direction, the pivot man will take three paces forward instead of two. The second and third ranks will adhere to the drill at present laid down for the rear rank.



9. A squad, etc., changing direction by wheeling.—Squads or Platoons in Line may change direction by wheeling instead of forming. The action of each rank will be similar to that laid down for a section of fours (Manual of Elementary Drill, 1935, Sec. 39).

10. Forming fours.—This movement will be learnt only by troops required for mounting public duties and taking part in the Ceremony of the King's Birthday Parade in London.

11. Marching in slow time.—This will be taught.

### SECTION 3. ARMS DRILL

1. Fixing and unfixing bayonets.—The following procedure will be adopted:—

#### i. "The squad will fix bayonets"—"Fix bayonets."

On the command "Fix," push the rifle forward with the right hand as in the position of "Stand at Ease" with the rifle; at the same time seizing the handle of the bayonet with the left hand, back of the hand to the front and thumb and fingers to the rear, withdraw the bayonet sufficiently to allow the left arm to become straight. On the command "Bayonets," draw the bayonet, turning the point upwards and keeping the elbow down; place the handle on the bayonet standard with the ring over the stud on the nose cap, pressing it home to the catch; at the same time turn the head and eyes down to the right to ensure the bayonet is properly fixed, the head and eyes remaining in this position on completion. On the command "Attention," the position of attention will be resumed.

#### ii. "The squad will unfix bayonets"—"Unfix bayonets."

On the command "Unfix," keeping the heels closed, place the rifle between and grip it with the knees, guard to the front. At the same time seize the rifle with the left hand, knuckles to the front, thumb on the bayonet bolt spring pressing the spring with the left thumb, and with the right hand seize the bayonet handle. Disengage the bayonet clear of the rifle. On the command "Bayonets," drop the point of the bayonet to the left side, ring to the rear, at the same time seizing the scabbard with the left hand, thumb underneath the frog and turning the head and eyes towards the top of the scabbard, force the bayonet home. On the command "Attention," seize the rifle with the right hand at the band, raise the head and eyes, and resume the position of attention.

Note.—Cautionary words of command will not be used.

2. Piling and unpling arms.—The procedure will be the same as that laid down in Manual of Elementary Drill, 1935, Sec. 67, except for the following:—

i. Piling arms.—The second and third ranks will stand fast (except the third rank when it moves forward to place its rifles against the piles already in position). On the command "Stand clear" all ranks will take a pace to the rear and turn to the right flank of the squad. On again falling in the men will place themselves as they stood before falling out.

ii. Unpling arms.—In the last motion when the front rank turns about, the second and third ranks will stand fast.

### SECTION 4. SWORD DRILL

1. In future the salute with the sword will be the present position of the "Recover." This involves the following amendments to the Manual of Elementary Drill, 1935:—

i. Sec. 72, 1. Delete lines 4 to end of paragraph, and substitute—  
"First motion—Bring the sword to the Salute, i.e., the Recover.  
Second motion—Bring the sword to the carry."

ii. Sec. 72, 3. Delete lines 3 to 8 and substitute—  
"On the third motion of the rifle in 'Present Arms,' bring the sword to the salute; on the second motion of the rifle in 'Slope Arms,' bring the sword to the carry."

iii. Sec. 72, 4. Delete and substitute—  
4. Officers saluting with the sword at the halt, when mounted. Officers salute as described in amended paragraph 1, above.

iv. Sec. 72, 5. Delete and substitute—  
5. Officers saluting with the sword when on the move.

i. When dismounted.—On the command "Eyes—Right," turn the head and eyes to the right and bring the sword to the salute as the left foot comes to the ground. On the command "Eyes—Front," turn the head and eyes to the front and bring the sword to the carry as the left foot comes to the ground.

ii. When mounted.—Officers salute as described in paragraph 4, above.

### SECTION 5. FUNERAL EXERCISES

1.—i. Attention is directed to Manual of Ceremonial, 1935, Chapter XVI. The reverse arms and trail arms (for funeral services only) are abolished for sword, lance and rifle. Troops will march at the slope.

ii. For "Rest on your arms reversed" substitute "Present arms" throughout.

2. The following procedure will be adopted for funeral exercises with the sword and rifle when guarding the coffin at a lying-in-state only.

i. Funeral exercises with the sword.

(a) To rest on swords reversed from the "present."  
"Rest on your arms reversed."

"ONE"—Allow the point of the sword to fall forward and downward and place the point on the ground between the feet, edge to the right. The grip of the right hand will change as the sword comes down so that when it rests on the ground the palm of the hand is resting on top of the hilt. At the same time lower the head on the breast.

"TWO"—Place the left hand on top of the right.

Note.—The elbows will be kept close to the sides during all movements. The movements will be performed on the first and third motions of the "Rest on your arms reversed" with the rifle.

- (b) *To present from rest on your swords reversed.*  
*"Present arms."*

"ONE"—Raise the head and cut the left hand to the side allowing the right hand to resume its grip on the sword handle.

"TWO"—Bring the sword to the salute.

Note.—The movements will be performed on the first and third motions of the "Present arms" with the rifle.

ii. *Funeral exercises with rifles.*

- (a) *To rest on your arms reversed from the "present."*

*"Rest on your arms reversed."*

"ONE"—Bring the right foot smartly up to the left, raise the rifle about 6 inches, and place the left hand underneath the butt plate, thumb round the toe of the butt, the first two joints of the fingers grasping the right side of the butt.

"TWO"—Turn the rifle over to the front, muzzle leading, butt kept close to the body so that the position of the rifle is reversed, i.e., the muzzle is now pointing towards the ground. Place the muzzle on the toe of the left boot. The left hand will be allowed to turn with the rifle so that on the completion of the movement it will be resting on top of the butt plate, fingers and thumb being in the same position as in "ONE."

At the same time lower the head on to the breast.

"THREE"—Place the right hand on top of the left.

- (b) *To present arms from rest on your arms reversed.*  
*"Present arms."*

"ONE"—Raise the rifle with the left hand about 6 inches, at the same time grasping it with the right hand at the small of the butt. Raise the head.

"TWO"—Grasp the rifle at the point of balance with the left hand, back of hand downwards and towards the body, thumb to the front.

"THREE"—Turn the rifle over by lowering the butt towards the body and come to the present.

Note.—Movements will be carried out at the rate of 40 paces to the minute.

## SECTION 6. INTRODUCTION TO PLATOON, COMPANY AND BATTALION DRILL

The following paragraphs give the detail of platoon, company and battalion drill. The same drill will be carried out both on training and ceremonial. The formations described below are shown on Plates at the end of this Pamphlet.

Ranks will be dressed by word of command on completion of each movement except on field training. The platoon guide will normally be No. 1 section commander. On ceremonial or instructional parades special guides will be detailed.

## SECTION 7. PLATOON DRILL

1. *A Platoon in line forming column of route.*

**"Move to the right (or left) in column of route."**

**"Right (or Left) Turn—Quick March."**

The platoon commander and the platoon serjeant will move to their positions on the command "Right turn."

2. *A Platoon in column of route forming line.*

**"Platoon will advance—Left turn."**

The men act as in squad drill, the platoon commander and platoon serjeant regaining their positions in line in Quick Time.

3. *Other movements.*—For drill purposes. Platoons will be exercised in the movement detailed for squad drill, the word "Platoon" being substituted for "Squad."

## SECTION 8. COMPANY DRILL

1. *A close column when halted forming column of route.*

- i. **"Advance (or retire) in column of route from the right (or left)—Right (or left) turn."**

The commander of the leading (or rear) platoon will give "No. . . . platoon left (or right) wheel. Quick—March," and each platoon commander will act similarly in time to gain his place in column of route.

- ii. **"Move to the right (or left) in column of route—Right (or left) turn."**

The commander of the leading (or rear) platoon will give "No. . . . platoon. Quick—March," and each remaining platoon commander will give "No. . . . platoon, left (or right) wheel, Quick—March" in time to gain his place in column of threes.

- (a) Unless otherwise ordered, a company will move off from the right of the leading platoon, or from the left of the rear platoon.

- (b) A company can be marched off from any platoon as follows:—  
*"Advance (or retire) in column of route in the following order—No. 2, No. 3, No. 1 platoons."*

2. *A close column when halted moving to a flank in threes.*

**"Move to the right (or left) in threes. Right (or left) turn—Quick—March."**

The platoon on the right (or left) will direct unless any other platoon is detailed to do so.

3. *A column of route forming close column of platoons at the halt facing a flank.*

**"At the halt, facing left, form close column of platoons."**

The commander of the leading platoon will halt his unit and turn it to the left by giving "No. . . . Platoon. Halt. Left turn." The



remainder will be led by their guides by the shortest route to their positions in close column, where they will receive the command "No. . . . Platoon. Halt. Left turn." On the word "Halt," the right guides will at once turn to their left and take up their covering and distance from the right guide of the platoon in front.

4. A company in close column advancing (or retiring) in column.

i. **"Advance in column."**

The commander of the leading platoon will give "No. . . . Platoon will advance. By the right. Quick—March," and the remaining platoons will be similarly marched off when the platoon next in front has reached column distance.

ii. **"Retire in column." "The company will retire. About-turn."**

Platoon commanders will march their platoons in succession at column distance giving the command "No. . . . Platoon. By the left. Quick—March."

5. A company in column changing direction.

**"Change direction—Right."**

The commander of the leading platoon will give the command "No. . . . Platoon. Right Form," and when the platoon is formed in the new direction, "Forward." The remaining platoons on arriving at the same point, will be formed successively in a similar manner.

- i. Before changing direction left, a column should normally be ordered to march "By the left."
- ii. A column can similarly change direction half (quarter or three-quarters) right.
- iii. Platoons may change direction by wheeling, in which case for "Right—Form" substitute "Right—Wheel," the command "Forward" being deleted. This method is normally used on ceremonial parades.

6. A line when halted forming column facing a flank at the halt.

**"At the halt. Into column. Platoons Right—Form. Quick—March."**

The men will act as in squad drill.

The right guide of each platoon acting as the pivot man of the squad.

## SECTION 9. BATTALION DRILL

1. A battalion may be paraded in any of the following formations—in Line, Close Column, Column or Mass. Details of the normal positions, intervals and distances for some formations are given in the Plates at the end of this Pamphlet. These details may be modified as may be dictated by the ground or other circumstances. In war, if there is a possibility of air reconnaissance or attack, companies should be suitably disposed to make use of available cover.

2. When parading for field training, a battalion will normally form up in mass.

The movements from and into Line, Column and Close Column, will normally be only carried out on ceremonial parades.

Note.—When parading in close column of companies prior to marching past by platoons, the distance between companies must exceed the frontage of a platoon, so that platoons have room to form to the right.

3. **Movements from and into mass.**

- i. A mass moving off in column of route—

**"Advance (or retire) in column of route from the right (or left) in the following order . . ."**

The battalion commander will then give the order of march. The company commander of the leading company in the order of march will then give "No. . . . Company. Advance (or retire) in column of route from the right (or left). Right (or left) turn."

The commander of the leading (or rear) platoon will then give "No. . . . Platoon. Left (or right) Wheel. Quick—March," and then the remaining platoons of the company will be marched off by their commanders in succession in the same way. The remaining companies will successively be marched off in the same way in time to follow the preceding company.

- ii. A column of route forming mass facing a flank—

**"At the halt, facing left, form—mass."**

The commander of the leading company will at once give the caution "No. . . . Company. At the halt. Facing left. Form close column of Platoons." The company will then act as in company drill.

As the leading platoon of each succeeding company arrives at the correct interval from the preceding company, the company and platoon commanders will act in a similar manner.

4. **Movements from and into Line, Column and Close Column.**

- i. A line when halted forming close column facing the same direction—

**"On the right form close column. Remainder right turn—Quick March."**

The company on the right will stand fast. The remainder will be led by their guides by the shortest route to their position in close column, on arrival at which their commanders will give the command "No. . . . Company. Halt. Left—turn." On the command "Halt," the right guides will at once turn to their left and take up the covering and distance from the right guides of the company in front, each company dressing by the right as soon as it has turned to the left.

- ii. A close column, when halted, moving to the flank in column of threes—

**"Move to the right in column of threes. Number one company leading."**

The commander of No. 1 company will give the command "No. 1 company. Right turn. Quick—March"; each succeeding company commander will act similarly in time to gain his place in column of threes.

- iii. A column of threes forming close column at the halt facing a flank—

**"At the halt. Facing Left. Form Close Column."**

The commander of the leading company will give the command "No. . . . Company. Halt. Left—Turn." The remainder will be led by their guides by the shortest route to their positions in close column, on arrival at which their commanders will give them the same command. On the command "Halt," the right guides will at once turn to their left and take up the covering and distance from the right guide of the company in front.

- iv. A column on the march closing to close column at the halt—

**"At the halt. Form Close—Column."**

On this command the commander of the leading company will give the command "No. 1. Company. Halt." The remaining companies will be successively halted on reaching their positions in close column.

- v. A close column moving to a flank in threes forming line at the halt—

**"At the halt. Facing right. Form—Line."**

The commander of the right company will give the command "No. . . . Company. Halt. Right—Turn." The remaining companies will be led by their guides by the shortest route into their positions in Line and will be turned to the right by their commanders.

- vi. Close column moving to a flank in threes changing direction—

**"Change direction—Left."**

The commander of the company on the left will give "No. . . . Company. Left wheel," and when the rear of his company has wheeled, "Mark time." The remaining companies will continue to march in the old direction until they have reached a point where on wheeling square to the left they will be able to march straight to their position in close column facing the new direction. Company commanders will give "No. . . . Company. Left wheel," on reaching their points and "Mark time" when they have reached their position in close column. The battalion commander will give "Forward" or "Halt" when all companies are marking time.

- vii. A column on the march changing direction—

**"Change direction—Right."**

The commander of the leading company will give the command "No. . . . Company. Right—form," and, when the company is formed in the new direction, "Forward." The remaining companies, on arrival at the same point, will be formed successively in a similar manner. If changing direction "left," a column should first be ordered to march by the left.

## SECTION 10. FIELD DRILL

Field drill as laid down in Military Training Pamphlet No. 1 is cancelled except for deployment. On training, when the order "Quick—March" is given, the soldier will come to attention and move off at the sling (right shoulder).

Attention is directed to March Discipline, Manual of Elementary Drill, 1935, Chapter VIII.

## SECTION 11. CEREMONIAL

NOTE.—SECTIONS MENTIONED BELOW ALL REFER TO MANUAL OF CEREMONIAL, 1935.

### 1. Outline of procedure—Inspection and Reviews.

- i. The inspection or review ground will be marked as laid down in Sec. 12, except that point "H" will be opposite point "B," and point "G" opposite point "E."

Before the Inspecting Officer arrives—

Sub-units will be sized and told off.

The unit will be drawn up on the Inspection Line in Line, Close Column or Mass Formation as may be ordered.

The unit will take Open Order.

When units are formed up in Close Column or Mass, Officers and Colours will be brought to the front.

- ii. The inspection.—The Inspecting or Reviewing Officer will be received in accordance with instructions laid down in Sec. 14 or in Sec. 15 in the case of a Royal Personage.

When units receive a Reviewing or Inspecting Officer in close column or mass formation, that formation will be resumed by Officers and Colours before the actual inspection begins.

The Inspecting or Reviewing Officer will then carry out his inspection as laid down in Sec. 11:10 of this pamphlet, on the completion of which he will give orders for the march past.

- iii. The march past.—The unit will then march past. Orders as to which form the march past (column of platoons, route or threes) is to take will have been issued prior to the parade. After completing the march past, units and formations will return to their original position on the inspecting line and await orders.

- iv. Advancing in review order.—If a unit or formation is required to advance in review order at the conclusion of a review, it will normally form up on the inspection line in the same formation in which it received the Reviewing Officer, the band and drums being formed up in rear of the centre.

2. Parade formations.—For inspections and reviews, units will be drawn up in Line, Close Column or Mass.

Formations will only be drawn up in Close Column or Mass.

When parading in Line or Close Column, a unit will be organized in four equal companies (Plates 9 and 10) and N.C.Os. and men not armed with a rifle, except those who wear the sword, will be given rifles.



Units will be sized and equalized as a temporary measure. Such variation will not, however, be resorted to on any occasion other than ceremonial and the necessary practice drills; and even then the organization of a unit will, as far as possible, be preserved in accordance with the principles laid down for its organization in the training manual for its Arm.

All units will parade with one pace between ranks.

When formed up in Mass, platoon commanders will, during the actual inspection only, be posted two paces from and in line with the right guide of their platoons. They will accompany the Inspecting Officer round their platoons.

Company commanders will not be mounted.

N.C.Os. below the rank of serjeant, and details of rifle company headquarters, will be in the ranks.

Warrant officers, staff serjeants, and serjeants, not required as guides, will be in rear of their unit at equal intervals. All ranks armed with rifles will fix bayonets. The band, if present, will form up 10 paces in rear of the centre.

### 3. Sizing and telling off a unit.

i. *Sizing*.—A unit or sub-unit may be sized with the tallest on the right and shortest on the left, or tallest on the flanks and shortest in the centre, according to the requirements of the parade.

**"Tallest on the right, shortest on the left. In three ranks. Size."**

The whole will turn to the right and arrange themselves in three ranks according to their size, the tallest on the right and the shortest on the left, each man taking up his dressing by the right. Rifles will be carried at the short trail.

**"Tallest on the flanks, shortest in the centre. In three ranks. Size."**

Men will act as above, arranging themselves as ordered.

The company or platoon commander will order any minor adjustment to be made after the men have taken up their position.

Note.—When parading for marching past by column of platoons, the company will be sized tallest on the right, shortest on the left.

ii. *Telling off a unit*.—When a unit has been sized, it will be numbered from right to left, and told off into platoons, which will be numbered within the unit. When the number of files is not divisible by three, the outer platoons will be the stronger. When the strength of platoons falls below eight files, the company will be divided into two platoons.

A unit will be told off into platoons by calling out the numbers of the left hand men, e.g., "No. 8." No. 8 of the front rank will then PROVE by raising his left hand forward, the fingers outstretched, until the forearm is horizontal. "No. 8 left of No. 1 Platoon"; No. 8 will then drop his arm to the side. "No. 16 left of No. 2 Platoon," etc.

iii. *Taking open order*.—The unit will take open order after having been dressed on the inspection line.—"*Open order—March.*" The unit will act as in squad drill and will be dressed.

Note.—To take close order (at the halt).

The unit will act as in squad drill. Ranks will not be dressed. Open order will be taken before advancing in review order, and closed before any movements are made after the Salute.

### 4. Posts of Officers and supernumeraries.

*Battalion commander.*

Marching past by platoons—20 paces in front of the right half of the leading platoon.

Marching past in column of route, or threes—20 paces in front of the leading three.

*Battalion second-in-command.*

Marching past by platoons—20 paces in front of the left half of the leading platoon.

Marching past in column of route, or threes—10 paces in rear of the rear three of the battalion.

*Adjutant.*

Marching past by platoons—10 paces in rear of the centre of the rear platoon of the battalion.

Marching past in column of route, or threes—5 paces to the left rear of the battalion commander.

*Company commander.*

Marching past by platoons—6 paces in front of the centre of the leading platoon.

Marching past in column of route, or threes—

(a) Dismounted—6 paces in front of his company.

(b) Mounted—10 paces in front of his company (Non-ceremonial parades).

*Platoon commanders (officers, warrant or non-commissioned officers).*

Marching past by platoons—3 paces in front of the centre of their platoons.

Marching past in column of route—in front of their respective platoons.

Marching past in column of threes—Officers will be evenly distributed on the directing flank of the companies. Other Ranks will be in the supernumerary rank of the opposite flank of the company to the officers.

When marching past by the right with the rear rank nearest to the Officer taking the Salute, Officers will change over to the right, and the supernumeraries to the left of the company, as the company wheels on to the Passing Line (Point "B").

Officers and supernumeraries will change over to their original positions when wheeling off the Passing Line (Point "E").

*Company second-in-command.*

Marching past by platoons—4 paces in rear of the rear platoon.

Marching past in column of route—

(a) When parading with transport—in rear of the vehicles.

(b) When without transport—in rear of his company.

Marching past in column of threes—on the flank of the company as for platoon commanders,

*Regimental serjeant major.*

Marching past by platoons—immediately in rear of the Colour Party.  
Marching past in column of route, or threes—10 paces in front of the leading company.

*Colours and Colour Party.*

Marching past by platoons—in rear of the rear platoon of No. 2 company.

Marching past in column of threes and column of route—in rear of No. 2 company.

#### 5. Review order in close column or mass formations.

When units are to be inspected in close column or mass formations, Officers and Colours will be brought to the front before the arrival of the Inspecting Officer, in accordance with the following instructions:—

Open order will be taken—

**“Officers and Colours will take post in review order. Take—Post. Quick—March.”**

On the command “Order,” the Colours will be brought to the Carry.

On the command “Post,” the officers of Nos. 1 and 3 companies will turn to the right, and the officers of Nos. 2 and 4 companies will turn to the left. On the command “Quick—March,” the officers will place themselves 5 paces in front of the front rank of the leading company, Colours in the centre, Colours and Officers of Nos. 1 and 3 companies moving out by the right, Officers of Nos. 2 and 4 companies by the left flank, and sizing themselves on the right and left of the Colours respectively, the tallest officers on the flanks. The second-in-command will be on the right, and the adjutant on the left of the line of officers. The Line of Officers will be dressed by the second-in-command of the battalion, or, when two or more battalions are on parade, by the senior major of the right battalion, who will give the command “Officers, Right—Dress.” The officers will turn their heads and eyes to the right. On the command “Steady,” they will turn their heads and eyes to the front. Swords will remain at the carry. The commanding officer will be 20 paces in front of the leading company.

**“Officers and Colours will take post. Take—Post. Quick—March.”**

On the command “Post,” officers will turn outwards from the centre, the Colour Party turning to the right. On the command “Quick—March,” the whole will move to their places. The Colours will then be brought to the order.

Note.—This action will be taken before the unit is inspected.

#### 6. Special instructions for officers.

The parade commander will not draw his sword unless a senior officer is on parade.

In marching past, the parade commander, after he has saluted, will move out and place himself on the right of the Inspecting Officer, sword at the carry, and remain there until the parade has passed. During his absence, the second-in-command will assume command.

#### 7. Staff Officers and officers of the medical services.

Staff officers and officers holding personal appointments, and officers of the Medical Service, will not draw swords. They will salute with the hand as laid down in Sec. 13.

Swords will be drawn as follows:—

By all officers when ordered to fall in after the unit inspection and telling off is completed and the unit is ready to receive the Inspecting Officer on their own parade ground or is about to march to an inspection parade ground elsewhere.

#### 8. Receiving the inspecting officer.

The unit will be drawn up on the Inspection Line in open order with its centre opposite the point at which the Inspecting or Reviewing Officer will post himself.

Swords will be at the carry, bayonets fixed, and arms sloped.

Colours will be carried.

When the Inspecting or Reviewing Officer presents himself before the centre, he will be received with the General Salute.

Units not armed with rifles.

**“Carry swords, General Salute.”**

The officers will salute, taking the time from the parade commander. Officers will carry swords with the parade commander.

Units armed with rifles.

**“General Salute, Present—Arms.”**

The men will present arms and all officers will salute, supernumerary ranks and guides will present arms with the men. Colours will remain at the Carry, except as laid down in Sec. 70.

**“Slope Arms. Order—Arms.”**

The officers will bring their swords to the Carry.

Band.—The band will play the first part of a slow march with drums beating; if there is no band on parade, the trumpeters will sound the General Salute.

Colours.—If on parade will salute only such persons as are entitled to the honour (see King's Regulations, 1935, para. 917).

9. Receiving the Sovereign, a Member of the Royal Family, a Foreign Sovereign, a Member of a Foreign Reigning Family, or the President of a Republican State.

The procedure will be as detailed above, except that—

The caution “Royal Salute” will be substituted.

The band will play the National Anthem, or the first six bars of it as the case may require, and the Colours will be lowered (see King's Regulations, 1935, para. 917).

Note.—The term “Royal Family” refers only to those Members of it who have the prefix “H.R.H.”

In the case of a foreign personage entitled to a Royal Salute, the band will play the appropriate National Anthem.



### 10. The inspection.

#### Inspection of a single unit.

When a unit has received a Reviewing or Inspecting Officer in close column or mass formation, officers and Colours will resume their normal position before the actual inspection begins.

The Reviewing or Inspecting Officer, accompanied by the parade commander (who will place himself on the side further from the troops), will pass down the front rank from right to left, the second rank from left to right, and the third rank from right to left.

The Inspecting Officer may allow sub-units not actually being inspected to stand-at-ease, in which case sub-unit commanders will call their sub-units to attention as soon as the Reviewing or Inspecting Officers reach the unit on their right (or left), and will order "Stand-at-ease" when he has passed the unit on their right (or left) respectively.

The Band will play a march until he completes the inspection of the third rank and moves towards the Saluting Base.

The Reviewing or Inspecting Officer will then give orders for the march past.

### 11. The march past.

#### i. General instructions.

A company may march past—

In column of platoons.

Column of route or threes.

A battalion may march past—

In column of platoons.

In column of route or threes.

For marching past, the rate of marching for dismounted units, when parading alone, will be as follows:—

Foot Guards	.. ..	116 paces to the minute.
Rifle and English Light Infantry	.. ..	
Regiments	.. ..	140 paces to the minute.
Highland Regiments	.. ..	110 paces to the minute.
Infantry of the Line and other dismounted units	.. ..	120 paces to the minute.

The prescribed distances between units may be increased so far as the length of the passing line allows, so that the march past of one unit is completed before the bands change the music for the next unit.

When troops who march past at different rates are on parade together, all will march past at the rate of 120 paces to the minute, and when advancing in review order.

#### ii. The band and drums.

The Band and Drums will begin to play when the leading company steps off, and will move forward to a point opposite the Saluting Base as soon as the rear company has cleared the centre of the Inspection Line. They will be halted so as to leave sufficient room for the march past. After the last unit has passed point "D," the band and drums will be marched back to their original positions facing the Inspection Line.

Note.—When units parade with Mechanical Transport, the orders for the movement of the vehicles will normally be given by signal.

### 12. A company in line marching past in column of platoons.

When the Inspecting Officer has taken up his position on the Saluting Base, the company will march past as follows:

#### i. Forming into platoons.

**"Close order—March."**

**"Slope—Arms." "Platoons at the halt—Right—Form."**

**"Quick—March." "Left Dress."**

On the command **"Form"** the right hand man of each platoon will turn to the right; the remainder of the front rank turning half right. On the command **"Quick—March,"** platoons will form as in squad drill, and officers and guides will move to their positions. On the command **"Left Dress,"** men will act as in squad drill, and on completion, will turn their heads and eyes to the front and cut their arms to the side in succession from left to right of each platoon.

Positions of officers will be as laid down above.

Guides will take position to the left of platoon.

#### ii. Guides.—No. 1 Platoon .. C.S.M.

No. 2 Platoon .. The senior serjeant, not commanding a platoon.

No. 3 Platoon .. C.Q.M.S.

When platoons are forming, the marker at point "H" will align himself with the left of the leading platoon.

#### iii. Moving to the passing line.

**"The company will march past in quick time."**

**"By the left—Quick—March."**

**"Change direction—Left."**

This command will be given as the company commander reaches point "H." Each platoon commander will give **"No. . . . Platoon, left wheel"** as the left of the platoon reaches point "H."

Platoons will wheel as laid down in squad drill.

The company will change direction left on to the passing line opposite point "B."

During this wheel, guides will change over to the right of the platoon.

Note.—In English Light Infantry Regiments, bayonets will be unfixed before the command **"Slope Arms"** is given.

#### iv. The march past.

**"No. . . . Platoon, Eyes—Right."**

On this command, which will be given by the platoon commander, in sufficient time to ensure the salute being completed on reaching point "C," all, except the right guide, will turn their heads and eyes to the right as the left foot comes to the ground, looking the Reviewing Officer in the face as they pass.

The officers will salute as laid down in sword drill; see Sec. 4 of this Pamphlet.

**"Eyes—Front."**

When the rear of the platoon reaches point "D," the commander will give the command "No. . . . Platoon. Eyes—Front," upon which all will turn their heads and eyes to the front as the left foot comes to the ground, and the officers will bring their swords to the Carry.

The company commander will salute independently on reaching point "C." The second-in-command will salute working with the rear platoon.

Warrant officers or serjeants commanding platoons will not salute, but will turn their heads and eyes to the right.

v. *Resuming position on the inspection line.*

The company will change direction opposite point "E," and again at point "G." After wheeling at point "G," the company commander will march on the left flank of the company level with the second rank of the second platoon. Guides will change over during the wheel opposite point "E."

As the left of the leading platoon of each company reaches the point where it rested in line, each company commander will give "No. . . . Company. Mark time. Rear Platoons cover." Rear platoons will then correct their distance.

These Points on the Inspection Line may be marked with small discs. **"Platoons at the halt. Left—Form. Forward. Left Dress."**

When all platoons are marking time in position, the company commander will form the company into line. On the command "FORWARD," officers and supernumeraries will resume their positions in line.

On the command "Left Dress," the left guide will dress the company and will give the command "Eyes—Front."

If the company is required to advance in review order, open order will be taken before dressing, and arms will be kept at the slope.

13. *Marching past in column of route or threes.*

The unit or formation commander alone will salute. All other officers' swords will remain at the Carry. The company commanders will give "Eyes—Right" at point "C," and "Eyes—Front" when the rear of the company has passed point "D."

14. *A battalion marching past by platoons.*

Forming into platoons and moving to the Passing Line from Line.

i. *Forming into platoons.*

**"Close order—March." "Slope—Arms."**

**"Platoons at the halt Right—Form."**

**"Quick—March." "Left—Dress."**

The procedure will be as laid down for a company marching past.

ii. *Moving to the passing line.*

**"The battalion will march past in quick time—By the left. Quick—March."**

**"Change direction—Left."**

The battalion commander will give this word of command on reaching point "H." Platoon commanders will wheel their platoons as for a company marching past.

No word of command will be given by the company commanders.

The battalion will change direction on the passing line opposite point "B," guides changing over during the wheel.

iii. *Moving to the passing line from close column.*

Forming into platoons as in i. above.

**"The battalion will march past in quick time."**

The officer commanding the leading company will at once give "No. . . . Company, by the left, Quick—March." Each succeeding company commander will act similarly in time to gain his place in column of platoons. Company commanders will remain on the flank of their companies until after the company has stepped off. They will move to their positions in front of the company at the first wheel.

Note.—The distance between the rear platoon of one company and the leading platoon of the next company, will be six paces greater than the distance between platoons of the same company.

All transport will march past in rear of the battalion under the orders of the transport officer, and if the unit reforms on the Inspection Line, the transport will return to its organized position.

iv. *Moving to the passing line from mass.*

**"Close order—March." "Slope—Arms."**

**"The battalion will march past in quick time."**

The officer commanding the company on the right will give "No. . . . Company. Right wheel. Quick—March." The leading platoon will at once wheel to the right, the remaining platoons wheeling in succession on reaching the inspection line.

Each remaining company will be marched off similarly by the company commander at the correct moment so as to take its position in rear of the preceding company.

The battalion will change direction at points "H" and "B" as above.

v. *The march past.*

The procedure will be as laid down for a company marching past. The mounted officers will salute when they arrive at point "C," and will bring their swords to the Carry at point "D." The battalion commander, after he has saluted, will move out and place himself on the right of the Reviewing Officer, and remain there until the battalion has passed, the second-in-command assuming command.

vi. *To resume position on the Inspection Line in Line.*

The battalion will change direction opposite point "E," and again at point "G," platoons wheeling as for a company marching past. Company commanders will order their companies to mark time when the left of the leading platoon of their company reaches the point where it rested in line.

**"Platoons at the halt. Left—Form."**

**"Forward."**

**"Left Dress."**

On the command "Left Dress," the left guides will dress their companies and give the command "Eyes—Front" in succession from the left.

vii. *To resume position on the Inspection Line in close column of companies.*



The battalion will change direction opposite point "E" and again at point "G."

**"At the halt. Facing Left. Form close column of companies."**

The battalion commander will give this command as the leading company is approaching its original position on the inspection line. The officer commanding the leading company will give "No. . . . Company. Mark Time. Rear Platoons cover," and then "No. . . . Company, at the halt into line. Platoons left—form," so as to bring the company on to its original position. At the same time the commander of the second company will wheel his company to the right, and again to the left when opposite his position in close column; on reaching which he will form line to the left as for the leading company above.

The remaining companies will act similarly except that they will not wheel to the right until they have reached the wheeling point of the second company.

Note.—The Band should continue playing until the platoons are marking time, or until the last company has formed into line.

viii. To resume position on the inspection line in mass.

The battalion will wheel at point "E."

**"Advance in column of threes from the right."**

The leading company commander will give "No. . . . Company. In succession. Advance in column of threes from the right."

Platoon commanders will give in succession "No. . . . Platoon. Right—turn. Left wheel."

The battalion, now in column of threes, will be wheeled at point "G."

On approaching the original position on the inspection line, the battalion commander will give **"At the halt. Facing left. Form mass."**

This movement will be carried out as laid down in Section 9, 3 (b) "Battalion Drill" of this pamphlet.

**15. Marching past in column of route or threes.**

The unit or formation commander alone will salute. All other officers' swords will remain at the Carry. The company commanders will give "Eyes—right" at point "C," and "Eyes—front" when the rear of the company has passed point "D."

**16. Advancing in review order.**

**"Open order march."**

**"Advance in review order. By the centre. Quick—March."**

The unit will advance by the centre for 15 paces, halting on 16th and 17th pace, the band and drums playing without rolls. At the conclusion of the eighth bar of music, the band and drums will cease playing, when the whole parade will automatically halt. The parade will then be ordered to salute in the same manner as when receiving the Reviewing Officer, after which it will be directed to order arms, and will wait for orders.

Note.—When in close column or mass, officers and Colours will be brought to the front before advancing in Review Order. (Sec. 11, 5, of this Pamphlet.)

In the case of units not carrying rifles, the commands will be "Open order march." "Advance in review order. By the centre. Quick—March."

**17. Parade formations.**

The brigade commander and staff and band and drums will be as in line.

**In close column.**—Battalions, each in close columns of companies, will be on parallel and successive alignments, with any ordered interval between them. The brigade commander will be 10 horse-lengths in front of the centre of the brigade; the brigade staff will be 2 horse-lengths in rear of the commander, the brigade major 2 horse-lengths on his right, and the staff captain 2 horse-lengths on his left.

Band and drums will be massed, each in ranks of four, 25 paces in rear of the centre of the brigade.

**In mass.**—Battalions, each in mass, will be on parallel and successive alignments, with any ordered interval between them.

Note.—Unless otherwise ordered, intervals and distances of 40 paces will be preserved between battalions in all formations on the Inspection Line.

**18. General instructions for marching past.**

The procedure will be similar to that laid down for a single battalion.

In marching past, the brigade commander will be 7 horse-lengths in front of the centre of the brigade; the brigade staff will be 3 horse-lengths in front of the brigade commander, and three horse-lengths apart, the brigade major being next to the Saluting Base.

When a brigade marches past a Reviewing Officer, the brigade commander (accompanied by one of his staff officers) will fall out after saluting, and will place himself on the right of the Reviewing Officer. The remainder of the staff will fall out after saluting, and will form up on the right of the massed bands. They will then be in a position to observe and be available in case of necessity.

The distances to be preserved between battalions will be as follows:—

When the Colonel-in-Chief,* colonel commandant, or colonel of the regiment and commanding officer are on parade . . . . .	95 paces.
When the Colonel-in-Chief, or colonel commandant, or Colonel of the regiment and commanding officer are on parade . . . . .	85 paces.
When the Commanding Officer only is on parade . . . . .	75 paces.

The posts of other officers will be as already laid down.

While the leading battalion is forming into column of platoons, the band and drums will move forward to a point opposite the Saluting Base. They will halt, leaving sufficient room for the march past. The commanding officer of the leading battalion will not march off until the band and drums are in position. The latter will begin playing when the leading unit steps off.

\*In the case of the Footguards, for Colonel-in-Chief, read Colonel, and for Colonel of the Regiment, read Lieutenant-Colonel.

The band and drums will continue to play until the rear battalion has passed point "G," when they will be marched back to their original position, passing through the gap between battalions.

On this command, battalion commanders in succession will carry out the procedure as laid down for a battalion marching past.

Commanding officers will march off their battalions in succession.

## 20. Guards of Honour.

Guards of Honour will normally be paraded in three ranks. Where conditions of space do not permit of this, local commanders will make modifications, such as forming in two ranks, to meet the situation.

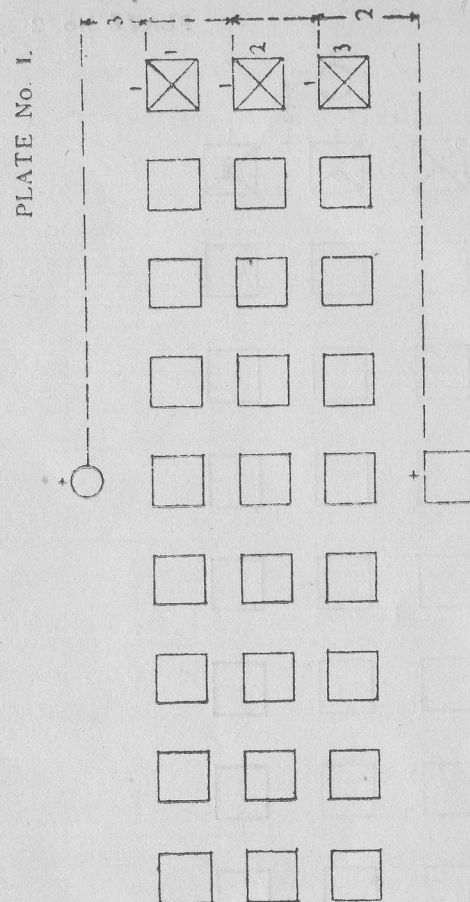
## SECTION 12. PLATES

The Plates cover platoon, company, battalion and ceremonial drill, but do not show the details of platoon and company headquarter personnel, *e.g.* :—

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| Plate No. | 1.—Platoon in line in three ranks.         |
| " "       | 2.—Platoon in column of route (threes).    |
| " "       | 3.—Company in line by platoons (training). |
| " "       | 4.—Company in line (ceremonial).           |
| " "       | 5.—Company in column of route.             |
| " "       | 6.—Company in close column (ceremonial).   |
| " "       | 7.—Battalion in column of route.           |
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| " "       | 9.—Battalion in close column.              |

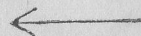
A brigade in close column of companies marching past  
in column of platoons.

- .. .. 10.—Fig. 1.—Forming column of platoons from close column of companies.
- .. .. 11.—Fig. 2.—Forming close column of companies from column of platoons.



Platoon in line in three ranks.

Blank files will be in the second file from the left. Ranks will be at arms interval (handclosed).





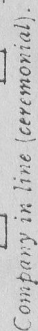
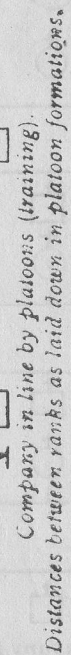
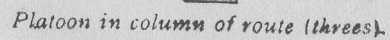
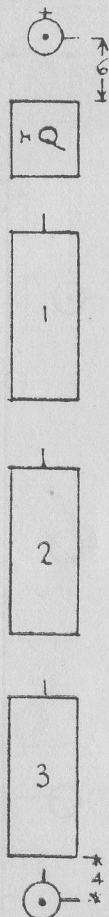


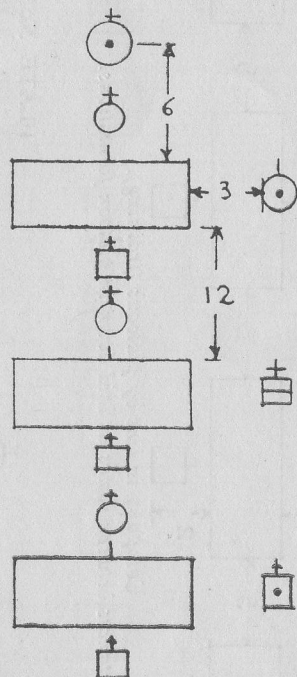
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*Company in column of route.*

*Transport in position  
according to orders issued.*

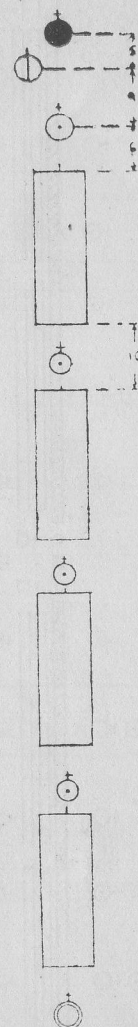
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*Company in close column (ceremonial).*

*Distances between ranks, etc., as for platoon  
formations. For field training coy. H.Q. will  
fall in as required.*

PLATE No. 7.



*Battalion in column of route.*

*H.Q. Company will march in positions as detailed.  
Transport will march in positions as detailed.*



PLATE No. 8.

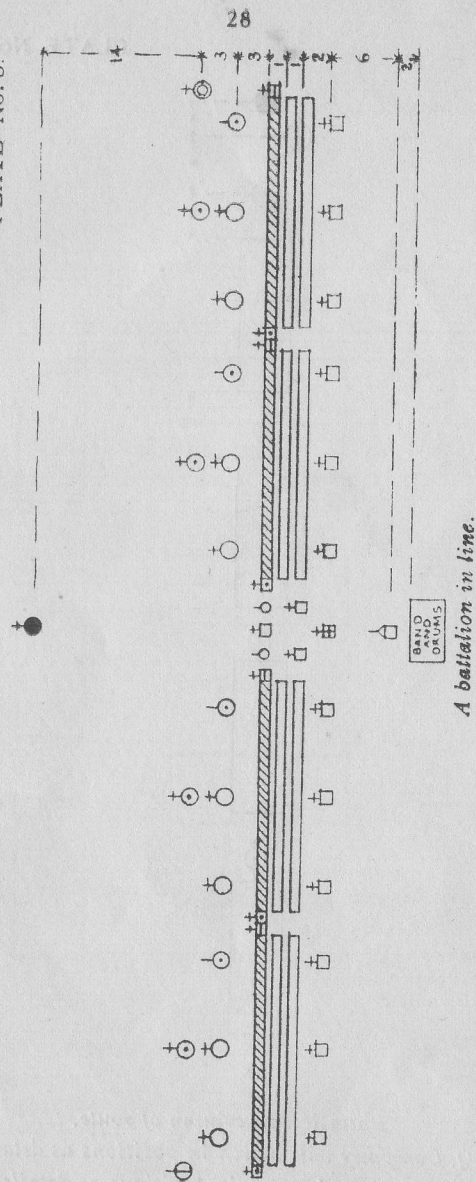


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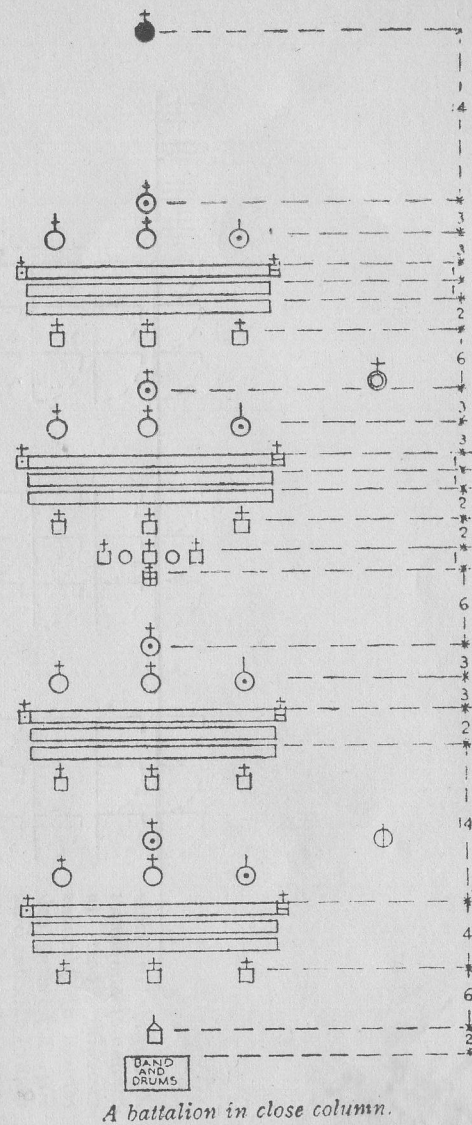
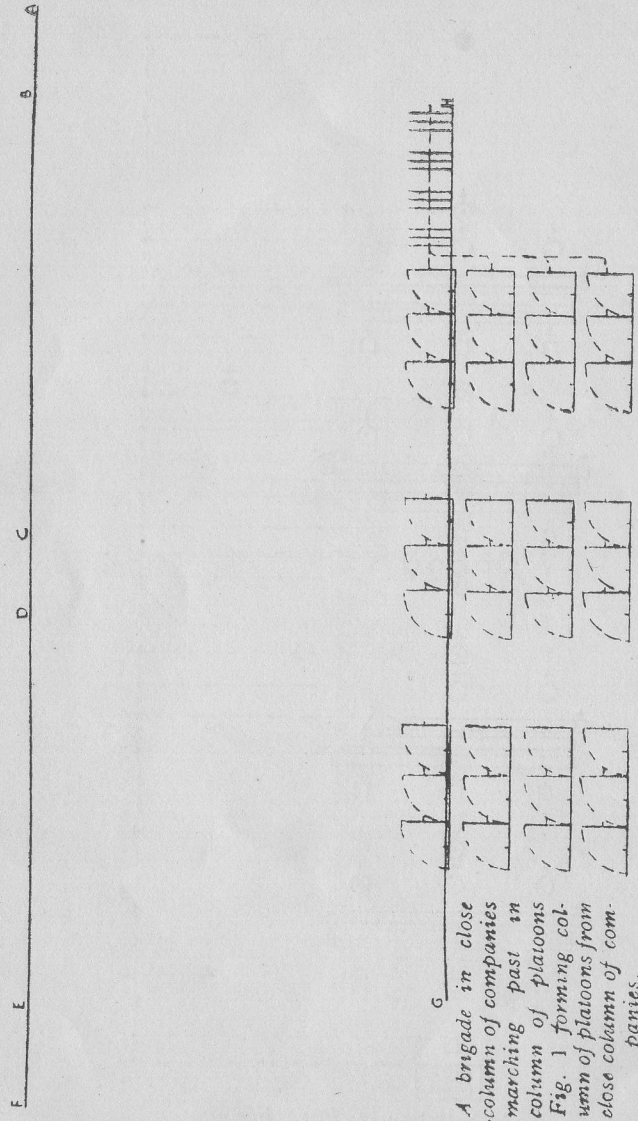


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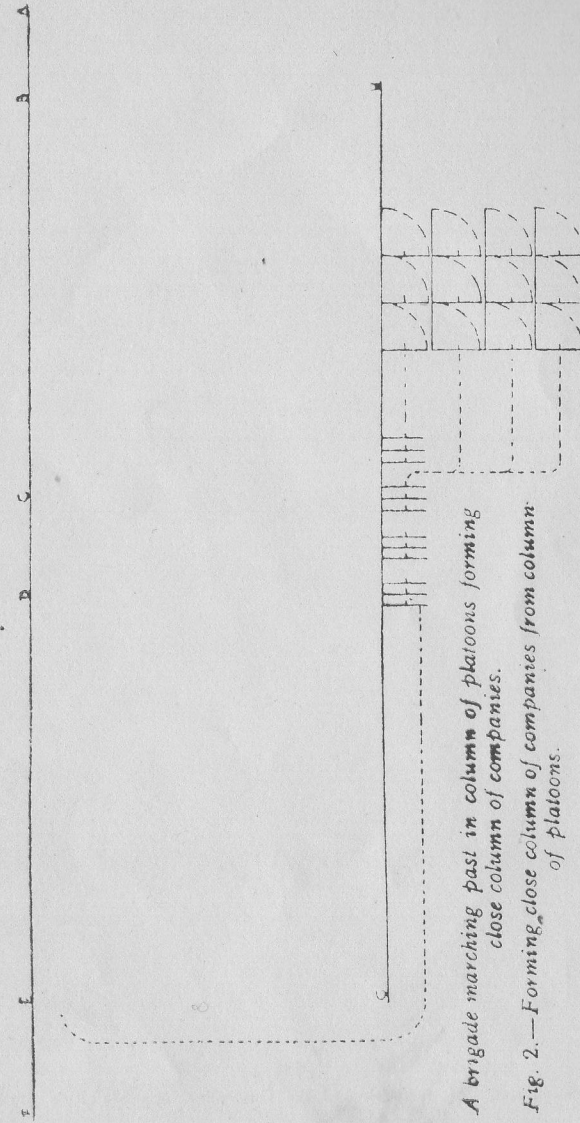
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FIG 2.

PLATE No. 11.



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